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SUBJECT: JOHN HAY AND THE QUESTION OF FILIPINO PATRONAGE

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1. EMBASSY CONCURS IN CSAF VIEW THAT THERE ARE VALID REASONS FOR APPROVAL OF WIDER PATRONAGE OF JOHN HAY FACILITIES BY FILIPINOS THAN WOULD BE NORMAL OR CUSTOMARY IN OTHER COUNTRIES. FURTHER, CSAF IS CORRECT IN ITS JUDGMENT THAT EXISTING PRACTICE IS VIEWED WITH FAVOR BY PHILIPPINE GOVT; SOLICITOR GENERAL, SECRETARY OF JUSTICE, PRESIDENT MARCOS AND OTHER RANKING PHILIPPINE OFFICIALS, INCLUDING POLITICAL LEADERSHIP OF BAGUIO, ARE ENTHUSIASTIC USERS OF JOHN HAY FACILITIES OPEN TO FILIPINOS, PARTICULARLY GOLF COURSE, GOLF PRO SHOP, AND EATING FACILITIES. DEPT WILL RECALL THAT QUESTIONS OF REVERSION WERE INITIATED BY PHIL PANEL IN 1971-72 MBA WORKING GROUP TALKS, BUT THAT PHILIPPINE PANEL LATER RECONSIDERED AND QUESTION OF REVERSION OF JOHN HAY WAS DROPPED FROM NEGOTIATION.

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FILIPINOS WELL AWARE THAT CERTAIN ASPECTS OF US-PHILIPPINE

COOPERATION IN USE OF JOHN HAY ANOMALOUS BUT FILIPINOS
WELL-PRACTICED AT AND COMFORTABLE WITH LIVING WITH
ANOMALIES.

2. EMBASSY AGREES THAT THERE IS VIRTUE IN OBTAINING FORMAL
DETERMINATION OF MANNER IN WHICH PHILIPPINE USE OF JOHN
HAY WILL BE ACCOMMODATED. HOWEVER, SUGGEST THAT IF SUCH
DETERMINATIONS ARE MADE THAT THEY BE KEPT WITHIN F
CHANNELS, AND FOR BOTH PRACTICAL AND LEGAL REASONS, NOT
RELEASE OR SHOWN TO LOCAL NATIONS. RECOMMEND
EXISTING PROHIBITION AGAINST PHILIPPINE USE OF PX, THEATER AND
COMMISSARY BE RETAINED.
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